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STINGERS HOST BISHOPS'S GAITERS IN CRUCIAL CONTEST

The Concordia Stingers host the Bishop's Gaiters Saturday afternoon in what is being described as a must game for the Stingers.

Doug Diagneault's squad has dropped their first two league games and finds itself in the unenviable position of having to win its remaining games to clinch a playoff spot. Two teams from the O-QIFC Eastern Division advance to the playoffs.

Yet Daigneault remains confident that Concordia can turn the season around, beginning with Saturday's contest against the Gaiters.

"I have to be pleased with Saturday's performance," Daigneault stated following the Stingers 24-0 loss to the powerful Ottawa Gee-Gees. "We outgained them (197 to 183 yards) but penalties and turnovers really hurt us. This is a young team and once we learn to stay calm and cut down on our mistakes, we will be tough to beat."

Concordia was penalized 14 times for 124 yards and committed two turnovers, which led to Ottawa's majors.

If the Stingers are to hit the winning column this weekend, they will have to come up with a strong performance. The Gaiters have been very impressive this season, registering victories over Queen's and McGill. Bruce Coulter's charges are led by Northeastern University transfer Jim Pooler and the quarterback tandem of Jim Etcheverry and ex-Loyola star Neil Greeley.

Game time will be 2 o'clock at the Concordia Athletic Complex, 7200 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal.